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The following information concerning Vatican Intelligence Activities was submitted to this Agent by OIC sources in Italy. These sources have been familiar with Vatican Intelligence activities for over ten years and the information may be evaluated as R-1.

The attached diagram (Exhibit "A") shows the general channels through which information flows. Information collected at parish level is passed upwards through the leading member of the clergy in each parish and eventually reaches the Evaluation Section of the Vatican Intelligence System. This system operates under the cover of an Advisory Council and handles legal staff. It is reported that a section of the Vatican Intelligence responsible only to authorized Vatican personnel of the Advisory Council Staff contains highly classified documents. A Research Staff, which is a faculty member of the Gregorian University provides the Intelligence Staff with any historical or background information in the Vatican archives requested.

In the evaluation section of the Vatican Intelligence System all reports are selected and forwarded to the Legal Section, where any and all questions of legality are extracted and studies made. The report is then forwarded to the Correlation Section where it is turned over to the proper member of this section who is charged with specific responsibilities in the field of intelligence. Once again the report is briefed and forwarded to another one of the four controlling bishops of the Vatican Intelligence System. Depending upon the nature of the intelligence report, these bishops are made known through these four controlling bishops the Pope is kept constantly informed of intelligence activities throughout the entire world.

Under direct control of the Pope is the Vatican Intelligence File Room where all reports in final stage are filed.

In addition to the system outlined above, the Vatican uses missionaries, priests assigned to special missions throughout the world, and the Collegio located in Rome around Vatican City as intelligence collecting agencies. With reference to Collegio, it is deemed advisable to mention that clergy of varied political beliefs are active in the Collegio in Rome and thus in this manner information from various viewpoints eventually reaches the File Room of the Vatican Intelligence System.

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Attached to each Collegio in ROME is a liaison man from the Correlation Section of the V.I.B.

Attention is also called to the fact that a Collegio or a designated man for every nationality in the world is located in ROME and to each Collegio or designated man comes all types of persons in all stations of life. In addition Vatican scholars throughout the world seek cultural and educational institutions for information of interest to the Vatican. The influence of the Catholic Church is wide in scope and any factor which may have a derogatory or injurious effect on the Church is investigated thoroughly. In its struggle against Communism the Vatican is aware of its greatest adversary in its history and is coping with it with every means possible. Therefore, their activities in the field of intelligence cannot be underestimated.

PERSONALITIES

Father FREDERICK - Jesuit Order - was reported through Vatican sources to have recently completed a tour of Czechoslovakia and Poland collecting intelligence information. He is presently submitting his reports in ROME.

Father MAX VONDER, Salzburg, Liechtenstein - 12 - Jesuit Order - alleged to be active in Vatican intelligence - presently in contact with S.I.B. and S.I.B. section, BRAUNAU.

Monsignor O'FRANCO - presently residing in ROME, is assigned to questions of subversion and espionage in the Correlation Section.

Monsignor CARROLL - also assigned to the Correlation Section of the V.I.B.

Monsignor LAMBI - collaborator in intelligence matter in Balkan region theater including Bulgaria. Close colleague of Monsignor CARROLL. Presently residing in ROME.

Bishop FREDERICK - alleged to either hold one of the four controlling positions in the V.I.B. or is on the secretarial staff of the Pope. However, it is definitely known that he is active on a high level in Vatican intelligence.

Based on the organization as outlined in Exhibit "A", it is deemed necessary to make the following investigations to complete the survey of Vatican intelligence activities in Austria:

Determine the priests responsible for intelligence activities in each local parish.

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Develop contact with the leading member of the clergy in Austria and members of his staff to determine the extent of their activities.

Locate and investigate special Vatican missions of all natures presently operating in Austria.

Locate and investigate members of the clergy who are in Austria on special missions or for reasons of health, recreation, or welfare.

It is recommended that the above information and attached diagrams be forwarded to OIO sections in Land Salzburg and Upper Austria and that their Agents be instructed to make the necessary studies outlined above to complete the survey of Vatican intelligence activities in Austria.

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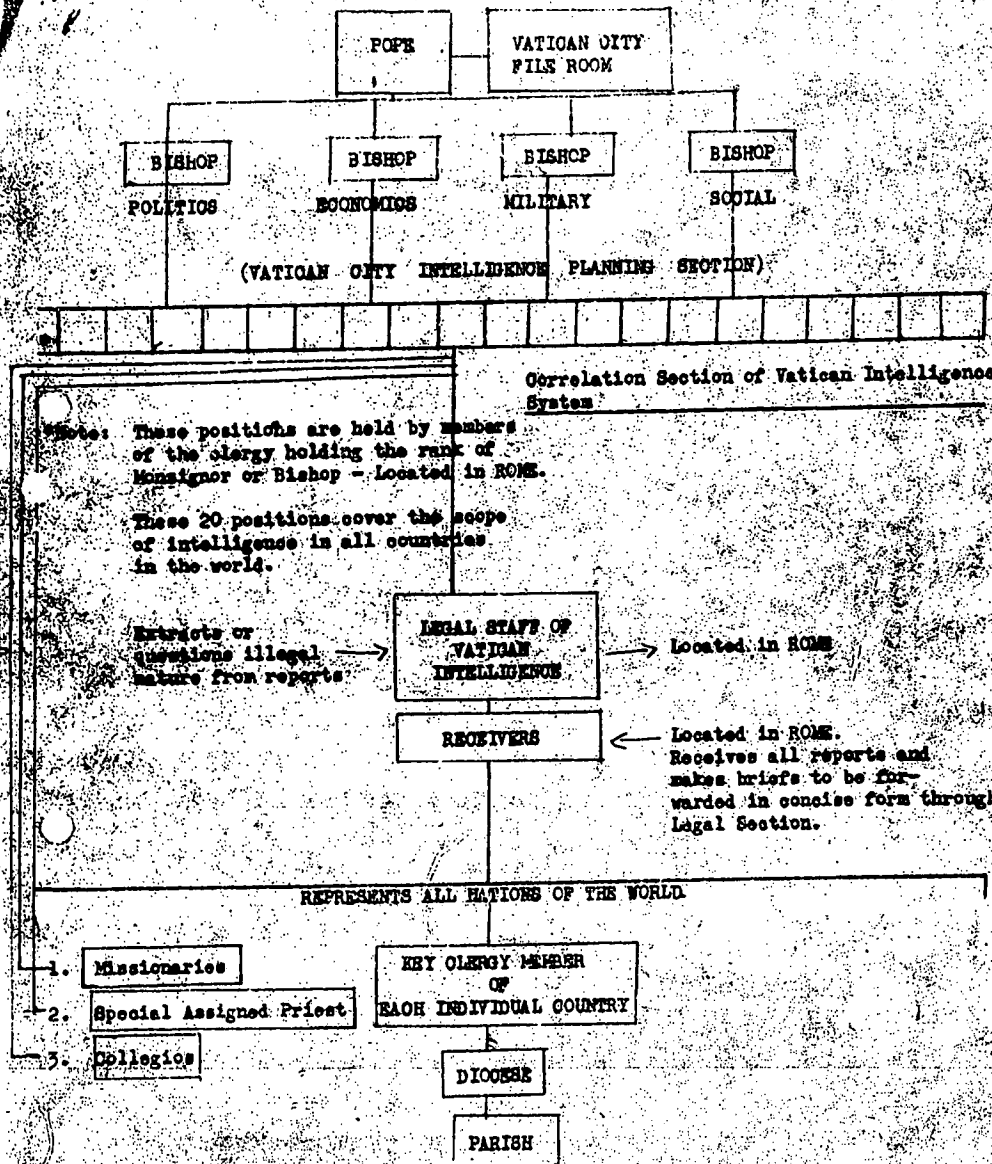
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